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Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 58th, 59th, 67th and 68th meetings, on 7, 8 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 59, 67 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (A/55/667);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/753);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/881).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.76

4. At its 68th meeting, on 25 May, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/55/L.76), submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations, which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.76 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and 1086 (1996) of 5 December 1996, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 1997,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolutions 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti, and 1277 (1999) of 30 November 1999, by which the Council continued the Mission until 15 March 2000,

Recalling its resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the Support Mission and the subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/276 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Missions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

[1] A/55/667 and A/55/753.
[2] A/55/881.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Missions, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such an operation,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to continue to provide the account of the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.9 million United States dollars, representing 22 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Support Mission to the period ending 30 June 2000, notes that some 65 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding contributions in full;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses* concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Notes* that the commitment authority of 2,201,284 dollars gross (1,987,784 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative

and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 was not utilized;

9. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to utilize an amount of 164,200 dollars gross (142,900 dollars net) from the resources provided for the period ending 30 June 2000 in order to meet the cost of completing the liquidation tasks at Headquarters;

10. *Decides also* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Civilian Police Mission shall be credited their respective share of the remaining unencumbered balance of 394,916 dollars gross (523,316 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and adjusted by subsequent relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456, 54/457 and 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the Civilian Police Mission, their share of the remaining unencumbered balance of 394,916 dollars gross (523,316 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 10 above;

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Missions;[3]

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".

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[3] A/55/667.